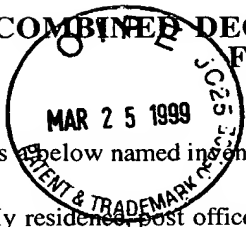


CFM 1442US
C 2629

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**
(Page 1)



As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name;

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

COMMUNICATION SYSTEM IN WHICH ARBITRARY NUMBER OF
COMMUNICATION APPARATUSES FORM GROUP TO COMMUNICATE WITH
EACH OTHER, AND THE COMMUNICATION APPARATUS

the specification of which [] is attached hereto. [X] was filed on December 23, 1998

as United States Application No. or PCT International Application No. 09/219,747
and was amended on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or §365(b), of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or §365(a) of any PCT international application which designates at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed (Day/Mo./Yr.)</u>	<u>(Yes/No)</u> <u>Priority Claimed</u>
JAPAN	9-369209	26/12/1997	Yes
JAPAN	9-369210	26/12/1997	Yes

I hereby appoint the practitioners associated with the firm and customer number provided below to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith, and direct that all correspondence be addressed to the address associated with that Customer Number:

FITZPATRICK, CELLA, HARPER & SCINTO
Customer Number: 05514

CFM 144208
C2629

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR PATENT APPLICATION**
(Page 2)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Full Name of Sole or First Inventor Akane YOKOTA
Inventor's signature Akane Yokota
Date February 24, 1999 Citizen/Subject of JAPAN
Residence c/o Canon Enokigaoka-ryo, 28-8, Enokigaoka,
Aoba-ku, Yokohama-shi, Kanagawa-ken, Japan
Post Office Address c/o CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA,
30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Full Name of Second Joint Inventor, if any Hidetada NAGO
Second Inventor's signature Hidetada Nago
Date February 24, 1999 Citizen/Subject of JAPAN
Residence 16-3-3-101, Akutsu, Takatsu-ku, Kawasaki-shi,
Kanagawa-ken, Japan
Post Office Address c/o CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA,
30-2, Shimomaruko 3-chome, Ohta-ku, Tokyo, Japan

Full Name of Third Joint Inventor, if any _____
Third Inventor's signature : _____
Date _____ Citizen/Subject of _____
Residence _____
Post Office Address: _____

Full Name of Fourth Joint Inventor, if any _____
Fourth Inventor's signature _____
Date _____ Citizen/Subject of _____
Residence _____
Post Office Address _____

Full Name of Fifth Joint Inventor, if any _____
Fifth Inventor's signature _____
Date _____ Citizen/Subject of _____
Residence _____
Post Office Address _____

Full Name of Sixth Joint Inventor, if any _____
Sixth Inventor's signature _____
Date _____ Citizen/Subject of _____
Residence _____
Post Office Address _____